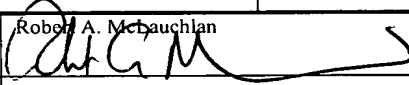


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| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                        |           |
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| 1002         | 330      | 2002         | 165      | Design Filing Fee      | \$        |
| 1003         | 520      | 2003         | 260      | Plant Filing Fee       | \$        |
| 1004         | 750      | 2004         | 375      | Reissue Filing Fee     | \$        |
| 1005         | 160      | 2005         | 80       | Provisional Filing Fee | \$        |
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### 2. Extra Claim Fees

| Claims             |           | Extra | Fee (below) | Fee Paid  |
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| 1202         | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                    |  |
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| 1203         | 280      | 2203         | 140      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                     |  |
| 1204         | 84       | 2204         | 42       | **Reissue independent claims over original patent         |  |
| 1205         | 18       | 2205         | 9        | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |  |
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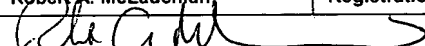
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| 1812                               | 2,520    | 1812         | 2,520    | Request for Reexamination  | \$       |
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| 1254                               | 1,440    | 2254         | 720      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    | \$       |
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